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SUBJECT: REVOLUTIONARY VIGILANCE AND THE PACEPA CASE

1. SUMMARY. AUTHORATIVE UNSIGNED FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL IN AUGUST 15 ISSUE OF OFFICIAL RCP DAILY SCINTEIA BLASTS THOSE WHO BETRAY THEIR COUNTRY AT INSTIGATION OF IMPERIALIST AGENCIES AND CALLS ON CITIZENS AND ESPECIALLY ALL PART UNITS TO PROTECT STATE SECRETS AGAINST ALL ENEMIES. EDITORIAL, ENTITLED "STRENGTHENING REVOLUTIONARY VIGILANCE--AN ESSENTIAL DUTY OF CADRES, COMMUNISTS, AND ALL WORKING PEOPLE"--EMPLOYS SOME OF STRONGEST LANGUAGE WE HAVE SEEN IN CONSIDERABLE TIME. LINK TO ALLEGED DEFECTION OF SENIOR SECURITY OFFICIAL LT. GEN. ION PACEPA IS UNMISTAKEABLE. EFFECT OF EDITORIAL
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COULD WELL INHIBIT OUR CONTACTS WITH BOTH OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL ROMANIANS, AT LEAST UNTIL PACEPA AFFAIR BLOWS OVER. END SUMMARY.

2. EDITORIAL BEGINS BY NOTING THAT, ON EVE OF AUGUST 23-24 NATIONAL HOLIDAYS WHEN ALL ROMANIANS ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD A BETTER AND BRIGHTER FUTURE UNDER COMMUNISM,

THERE ARE STILL THOSE "RENEGADE AND DECLASSE" ELEMENTS WHO ARE WILLING TO BETRAY THE COUNTRY "FOR A FEW PIECES OF SILVER." SECTION OF CEAUSESCU'S AUGUST 3 SPEECH ON THIS POINT IS EXCERPTED, ESPECIALLY PASSAGE WARNING AGAINST "ESPIONAGE AND SUBVERSION" EFFORTS BY FOREIGN REACTIONARY CIRCLES. SUCH "IMPERIALIST AGENCIES" SEEK TO USE THESE CORRUPT AND AVARICIOUS ELEMENTS WHO LACK ALL MORAL INTEGRITY, TO DAMAGE AND UNDERMINE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW "SOCIALIST" ORDER; IT IS "CLEAR AS DAY" THAT ALL GOOD ROMANIANS MUST FERRET OUT THESE TRAITORS AND DEAL WITH THEM WITHOUT PITY.

3. CONSEQUENTLY, ALL CITIZENS, BUT ESPECIALLY PARTY UNITS, MUST EXERT "THE HIGHEST VIGILANCE," PARTICULARLY IN PROTECTION OF STATE SECRETS. "LOOSE TALK" IN WHICH CITIZENS UNWITTINGLY LEAK IMPORTANT CLASSIFIED INFORMATION TO ENEMY EARS MUST BE ESPECIALLY GUARDED AGAINST; BOTH PERSONAL PROBLEMS AND PROBLEMS OF WORK MUST NOT BE DISCUSSED PUBLICLY BUT MUST BE DISCUSSED ONLY "IN AN ORGANIZED COLLECTIVE FRAMEWORK" AND NOT THROUGH "IRRESPONSIBLE CHATTER." FURTHER, IT MUST BE THE GOAL OF POLITICO-EDUCATIONAL WORK "TO CREATE A CLIMATE WHICH ANNIHILATES ALL NOXIOUS ACTIVITIES OF DEGRADED AND ANTI-SOCIAL ELEMENTS." SUCH A NEW "CIVIC CONSCIENCE" WILL INSTILL IN EACH CITIZEN THE CAPACITY TO BE VIGILANT AND TO REACT DECISIVELY AGAINST ANYTHING OR ANYONE WHO WOULD UNDERMINE "SOCIALIST" ACHIEVEMENT OR THE EFFORTS OF THE PEOPLE TO BUILD A NEW ORDER.
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4. A PARTICULAR "PROFESSIONAL, POLITICAL, AND MORAL" RESPONSIBILITY FALLS ON THOSE SPECIALISTS AND CADRE WHO REPRESENT ROMANIA ABROAD IN TRADE, SCIENCE, CULTURAL, OR POLITICAL AFFAIRS. AS ROMANIA IS EXPANDING AND WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND ITS RELATIONS WITH ALL NATIONS OF THE WORLD, NUMBER OF SUCH PERSONS WILL INEVITABLY INCREASE. THIS IS WHY THE PARTY MUST BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL TO SELECT FOR THESE MISSIONS ONLY THOSE PERSONS "WITH A HIGH POLITICAL CONSCIOUSNESS, OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETANCE AND PROBITY, WITH A PROFOUND SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DESTINY OF THE COUNTRY AND OF SOCIALISM, AND CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT WITH HONOR THE TASKS ENTRUSTED TO THEM."

5. COMMENT. LINK TO PACEPA CASE IS UNMISTAKABLE AND WILL BE UNDERSTOOD AS SUCH BY MOST ROMANIANS WHO, IN SPITE OF ABSOLUTE NEWS BLACKOUT IN ROMANIAN MEDIA, ARE AWARE OF IT THROUGH FOREIGN RADIO BROADCASTS. TIMING MAY ALSO BE PEGGED TO PRESENCE OF MANY JOURNALISTS IN BUCHAREST FOR HUA KUO-FENG VISIT. EDITORIAL CONTAINS SOME OF STRONGEST AND MOST EMOTIONAL LANGUAGE WE HAVE SEEN IN CONSIDERABLE TIME, INCLUDING A NUMBER OF CHOICE INSULTS

ORIGINALLY DERIVED FROM TURKISH; ITS STYLE CONTRASTS
MARKEDLY EVEN WITH THE USUAL DEFINITIVE SCINTEIA EDITORIALS
ON POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC TOPICS, GIVING RISE TO SUSPICION
IT WAS WRITTEN BY SECURITY PERSONNEL. ITS
EFFECT MAY WELL BE TO FURTHER INHIBIT OUR CONTACTS WITH BOTH
OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL ROMANIANS AND TO MAKE AN ALREADY
SUSPICIOUS BUREAUCRACY EVEN MORE PARANOID AND UNRESPONSIVE
TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION. WHILE WE ARE SURE THE PACEPA
AFFAIR AND ITS AFTERMATH WILL BLOW OVER AT SOME POINT, IT WILL
PROBABLY TAKE LONGER TO DO SO AS A RESULT OF THIS EDITORIAL.
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